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Letter dated 18 July 2003 from the President of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 addressed to the President of the Security Council

In its resolution 1482 (2003), the Security Council extended the terms of office of four judges to enable them to complete the cases they had commenced before the expiry of their respective terms of office on 24 May 2003. In paragraph 3 of the resolution, the President of the Tribunal was requested to submit to the Council, by specified dates, a series of three reports on the progress of the four cases in which those judges are engaged. Having consulted with the Presiding Judges of the three Trial Chambers, I am now submitting the first of those reports, due on 1 August 2003.

***Cyangugu* case**

The terms of office of Judges Dolenc and Ostrovsky were extended to enable them to complete the *Cyangugu* case, involving three accused. The presentation of evidence in the case was concluded on 3 April 2003. A subsequent Prosecution motion to call rebuttal witnesses was dismissed. The final trial briefs were filed on 26 June 2003 and closing arguments are scheduled to commence on 11 August 2003. By the end of July 2003, Trial Chamber III will have summarized all testimonies of witnesses. Consequently, work on the judgement is in progress.

***Kajelijeli* and *Kamuhanda* cases**

The term of office of Judge Maqutu was extended to enable him to complete the *Kajelijeli* and *Kamuhanda* cases. In the *Kajelijeli* case, closing arguments were heard from 14 to 16 July 2003. The trial proceedings have closed and Trial Chamber II is now deliberating. The preparation of judgement is proceeding on schedule. Judgement is expected to be delivered no later than December 2003.

In the *Kamuhanda* case, the closing arguments, which were originally scheduled for 20 and 22 August 2003, have been rescheduled to 27 to 29 August 2003 due to delays arising from the translation of court documents. Preparation of

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the judgement is in progress. Judgement is expected to be delivered no later than December 2003.

***Media* case**

The term of office of Judge Pillay was extended to enable her to complete the *Media* case, involving three accused. The presentation of the evidence in this case was completed on 9 May 2003. Pursuant to a scheduling order by Trial Chamber I, the Prosecution filed its closing brief on 25 June 2003. The three Defence teams will file their respective closing briefs by 1 August 2003. The Prosecution has the option of filing a rebuttal brief. If it decides to exercise that option, the rebuttal brief must be filed by 15 August 2003. Closing arguments are scheduled for 18 to 22 August 2003. Preparation of judgement is proceeding on schedule.

(*Signed*) Judge Erik **Møse**
President of the Tribunal